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Thanks

... to those who worked so hard in the run up to this year's Calf Club Day and to those who supported with their attendance on the day.

... to our whanau group and helpers for providing hangi meals (we know this will have meant a very early start to the day for some of you).

People of the week

... Those children who won ribbons, rosettes and certificates this week.

... Our judges (indoor and outdoor) for doing such a difficult job so very well.

Term calendar (We will advise further dates as these come to hand)

26 October	Labour Day Holiday
27 October	Lunchtime Athletics Competitions start
29 October	Year 8 girls HPV vaccination (2)
29 October	Headlice Check
30 October	World Teachers' Day
4 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
5 November	Central Calf Club Day
10 November	Meeting of Board of Trustees (6:00pm)
13 November	W.G.H.S. Orientation Day
20-22 November	Whanau weekend at Te Hapua Marae
23 November	Home garden diaries due
24 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics (pp 26.11)
28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prizegiving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015
... start date for 2016 will be Tuesday 2nd February	

Virtue - term 4

Last week we announced that RESPECT was our focus virtue for the remainder of this year. Please take time to discuss this with your children including ...

... Why should we practise respect?

... What it looks like?

... How and where you practise respect in your own life?

... How respect (or lack of respect) impact others (and us)?

We apologise that the support material was not sent home with last week's newsletter. Please find this attached.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - 4 November - Years 4 to 8

As advised our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on Wednesday 4th November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from other schools. The top placed qualifiers also earn spots in the Whangarei Athletics Champs.

It is our intention to travel by bus but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee paid earlier in the year.**

Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.

Please complete the form sent home today and return it to school by Friday 30th October

Children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts.

Sunhats



Are compulsory in Term 4. New Zealand has the highest rates in the world of certain skin cancers and we know that sunburn in childhood SIGNIFICANTLY increased the likelihood of skin cancer later in life. Please make sure your child has their sunhat on Monday. Hats are available from the office at a cost of \$9. Still Second hand (limited number) \$3 each. Sunblock is entirely at the discretion of parents.

Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

Last term we advised parents that we would be screening year 6 and 7 students for their optimal Cambridge pathway for 2016. As advised earlier, the Cambridge programme is highly flexible. There is plenty of scope to modify the programme to cater for different learning abilities, learning styles, personal circumstances etc. In short, there will not be a one size fits all approach and programmes will contain non-Cambridge material also. While we are confident that we have the data to make good pathway decisions, we are keen for parents to have input to this process where they feel they would like to. We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 16 November, and interested parents are invited to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they would like to discuss this with us. **So ... if you would like feedback or input please make an appointment to see your child's teacher somewhere in the week beginning 16 November.**

Out of Zone Enrolments (priorities 3 through 6)

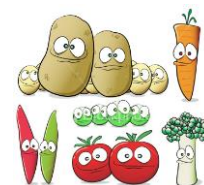
Parents who applied for out of zone placements at Matarau School in 2016 (whose children are in priorities 3 to 6) will have received notification of acceptance this week.

Out of Zone Enrolments (priority 2)

Parents of children in priority 2 (siblings already at Matarau School) are reminded that, if you submitted an application form for your child by the cut off day of 14 October, a place has been reserved for this child for 2016. If you did not submit an application form we regret that we will not be able to enrol your child in 2016.

Home Gardening Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November**. At this meeting the notice for judging will be issued. If you do not receive the notice, the notice will be posted on the Matarau School Facebook page and the school wiki, after the 3rd November. Judging date is the 28th November so aim to have your gardens looking their best at this time and students need to continue to work on their diaries. Keep the photos coming to sabbott@matarau.school.nz as the children enjoy seeing these at the meetings. Please remind children to update their garden Dairies periodically. Home Garden Dairies are due in to the office no later than Monday 23rd November.



School Cups

2015 prizegiving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these to school asap. Thanks



Marae Trip

On Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November a trip will be made to Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae near Cape Reinga. We will be learning some of the local history & songs as well as visiting places like Te Paki Stream, Cape Reinga and perhaps Spirits Bay for some fun activities. It is not run in the same way a school camp is

conducted. Parents/caregivers must attend with their children or with another designated adult. Supervision is not the school's responsibility. The cost of staying on the marae is funded by Matarau Whanau Group fundraising. We take a pot luck approach to food. So the only significant cost is fuel to travel there. This trip is available to all families of Matarau students but is limited to 100. Expressions of interest by email to Sue at sabbott@matarau.school.nz or to the Matarau Whanau Facebook page.



Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

Information on this programme has already been handed to quite a number of children.. **Parents are welcome to request this material from the office next week. Either way, we are keen for as many children as possible to be involved. This is an opportunity to profile art and design, and maybe win a scholarship of \$100 to \$150.** Please give Kevin a call with any questions. Teachers are more than willing to provide encouragement and advice to children on request. **Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30pm Monday 23 November.**

Lunchtime Athletics

If able to assist with lunchtime athletics activities, starting from 27 October, please give Kevin a call. You can choose your preferred field event and your preferred day.

Lost - Riley from Room 1 has lost a Taonga, a very special greenstone necklace that has a brown handmade plaited string. If you or your child has seen this, could you return to school asap? It would mean a lot to their family to have it back.

Scholastic Books - Issue 7 was sent home last week. Orders & payments need to be back at the office by Monday at the latest please.

Term Headlice Inspection

Is scheduled for 29 October. Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with this.

Pick your child up from bus drop off point but running late

.. we are happy to supervise children (for a brief time) after school if you think you may be late in collecting them from bus drop off points.

Finally

Friday 30 October is **World Teachers' Day**. I would encourage as many of you as are inclined to send a message to your child's teacher to show that you appreciate their efforts and their dedication to their work. Teaching is hard work (ask anyone who has done it), and pressures placed on teachers in today's world are hugely greater than they were 20 years ago. Whilst most teachers do their work because they love it, and want to make a difference, it is enormously encouraging to know that others appreciate these efforts. If you want to send a general message, please do so via the school email (admin@matarau.school.nz) and Helen will distribute these. Or you should feel free to contact your child's teacher directly. Thank you in anticipation.

And last of all ... thank you to all involved in this week's calf club day. Days like this are a window on why rural schools are special. Travel safely if travelling this weekend.

Regards

Our Sponsors support your children, please support them

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.



Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Mince & Cheese/Butter Chicken/BBQ Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive on Friday. See order form below if you want to bulk order for term 4 - 8 weeks left.

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDER FORM – Term 4 2015

Child _____

Room _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00

___ Jumbo Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00

___ Mince N Cheese/Butter Chicken/BBQ Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

___ Milk Drink - extra \$1.00

Child _____

Room _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00

___ Jumbo Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00

___ Mince N Cheese/Butter Chicken/BBQ Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

___ Milk Drink - extra \$1.00

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

Community Notices

Mairtown Tennis - Junior open day – Saturday 17 October 2015; Juniors 9.00am (5-11 yrs); Youth 10.30 -12.00pm (12-18yrs); COME AND JOIN US - Enquiries - Cheryl Baker 021 2329721; Peter Stenberg 021 2700229

Holiday Work Wanted - Hi, my name is Isaac Jones I am an 18 year old student looking for some holiday work relief milking. I have had previous experience milking over the summer and I can provide references. I have a full licence and a car, have had experience with tractor work and some other farm jobs. I am reliable, and very flexible on hours. I am responsible and willing to do and complete tasks given to me. I can be contacted on 021 08599671 and 435 6199. Regards, Isaac

Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Open Day - At our clubhouse on Ruakaka Beach, Sunday 25th October 10-12pm. Contact Debbie Fong, Club Administrator on: 433 0303 for more information

Kamo Swimming Club - Stroke Improvement lessons held Kamo High School Pool, end of Wilkinson Ave. Children need to be able to swim a basic freestyle/backstroke 10-15m without stopping. Registration day Friday 30 October at 4.30pm Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo, from Monday 2nd November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights held regularly. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season - very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Great opportunity for high school age / competent swimmers to get fit over summer & improve their swimming. Contact Karena Nesbit - 027 470 7955 for more details.



Ruatangata Hall – Variety Fundraising Concert, Saturday 31 October 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact Pam Morgan for details - pamzant@extra.co.nz

Home Stay Hosts - Kamo High School is currently looking for Homestay families to host International students from a range of countries. Host families are required to provide a single room with a bed and desk, three meals a day, inclusion into their family and a willingness to share cultures. Contact Patsy Yearbury on (021) 418 177 or email patsy.yearbury@kamohigh.school.nz

15th Annual Maunu School Country Fair - Cnr State Highway 14 and Austin Road , Maunu Saturday 7th November from 10am to 2p

Ruatangata Playcentre AGM to be held Tuesday, 3rd November at 12 noon. Queries to phone: 438 2155 or email: north.playcentre@actrix.co.nz